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197 Case 2:07-cv=04936-MAM Document 55-231 Filed 10/01/40 ₽ Rage 1 of 8 2 Q. Okay. 2 Yeah. That's what it says here. 3 Yes. Thank you very much. 3 A. That's what we had. Q. 4 Can I find anywhere in any notes 4 So it doesn't say anywhere 5 to verify what you're telling me, that he 5 in Detective Lawson's notes anywhere that you asked for any order you had? 6 identified what you were sending to him as a 6 protection from abuse order. 7 A. No. 7 8 Does it? 8 Q. Okay. Were you aware that there was a pickup order and two orders out of 9 A. One more time. 9 Albuquerque, New Mexico? 10 10 Q. Sure. 11 A. For what? MR. HENZES: In his notes? 11 12 For Sara to turn the children 12 MR. PURICELLI: In his 0. 13 over to that court. 13 notes, of course. 14 A. No. 14 What, do you want me to 15 ask him to look in his head? 15 Q. Were you aware that there were orders for Sara to appear in New Mexico court BY MR. PURICELLI: 16 16 17 in regards to the children? 17 Can you show me in his notes 18 No. 18 anywhere where Detective Lawson indicates you A. 19 Q. Okay. Is it your testimony that were representing the order you were sending 19 20 David Bush did not provide you with those 20 down to be the expired protection from abuse orders? order? 21 21 22 22 I sent him what he asked for. A. I don't recall seeing them. A. Okay. Do you know a Brian 23 Q. 23 Q. Did he ask for a custody order? 24 Russell? He asked me for whatever type of 24 A. 25 I don't recall Brian Russell. 25 order we had. A.

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1 1 JOSEPH TRIPE JOSEPH TRIPP 2 2 Q. Have you ever remember seeing BY MR. PURICELLI: 3 anything from the Pennsylvania State Police 3 in regards to David Bush, okay, where it said 4 Showing you an Affidavit that was 4 5 filed in the instant action, the one you're 5 that it would not assist the Richmond City involved in as a defendant, and it was Police Department? 6 6 Have I got anything -- I don't represented by Defendant Brian Russell's 7 7 A. 8 attorney to be an affidavit from him. 8 understand your question. 9 Let me draw your attention 9 I'm just wondering if during your 10 to the second page, paragraph nine. 10 review of the documents and stuff you've come 11 Actually, you can read across any documentation where the 11 12 eight. Pennsylvania State Police told the Richmond 12 13 City Police Department they would not 13 A. Okay. 14 Okay. Now, you see where he assist --14 writes on paragraph nine that he called the 15 15 A. No. 16 Q. -- the Richmond City Police 16 Pennsylvania State Police? Department in the recovery of the Bush kids. 17 A. Yes. 17 Q. 18 And do you see where he writes he From the State Police? 18 A. 19 Uh-huh. 19 requested the entity's assistance --Q. 20 No. 20 A. A. MR. PURICELLI: Mark this, 21 Q. -- in obtaining the Bushes' 21 22 children? 22 please. 23 A. Yes. 23 24 Q. Okay. And that entity, however, 24 (Exhibit Tripp-5, marked 25 for identification.) refused to assist?

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conduct.

Sure.

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standard at the time that you were involved

Do you agree that was still the

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with David Bush?

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Okay. And these are codes of

203 204 1 1 JOSEPH TRIPP JOSEPH TRIPP 2 2 Q. Sure, they have. They update Correct? 3 Uh-huh. 3 them regularly. A. 4 Would you agree with me that the 4 Right? Q. 5 5 administrative regulation 4.6 requires that A. Yes. 6 employees shall not shirk their duties or 6 Q. Okay. Another date I have is 7 7 11/14/1996. Some of them don't change. responsibilities but shall perform them? 8 8 A. Right? 9 Well, the majority of them 9 Would you agree with me that A. verbiage changes. Sure. 10 there is regulations on how to conduct 10 11 All right. How about the 11 missing children investigations? Q. verbiage I mentioned? 12 A. 12 13 Q. Would you agree with me that 13 The general concept has not there's also regulations specifically on how changed. 14 to conduct investigations? 15 Oh, okay. If you want I'll ask 15 O. 16 A. Yes. 16 you to produce the current version of these Q. rules, unless we can agree the rule, itself, 17 Okay. 17 is the same. 18 A. Could you tell me what the date 18 19 Can we? 19 is from that manual? 20 Yeah. These are '91. 20 A. Like I said, generally speaking, Q. 21 Have they changed? 21 sure. 22 I'm not looking to make work for 22 A. Oh, absolutely. O. 23 Q. 23 your attorney or grow any more trees than I That's why I'm asking if you 24 have to. 24 agree back at the time these were still --25 25 Would you agree with me Have they changed since '91?

Case 2:07-cv-04936-MAM Document 55-231 Filed 10/01/10 Page 3 of 8 2 Can you? 2 that the administrative regulations at the 3 3 time of the Bush events also dealt with A. Correct. unprotected speech of the employees? 4 Q. Did you tell anybody that there 4 5 was a full custody order for the Bush 5 Unprotected speech of? MR. HENZES: Employees. children? 6 6 7 7 Like I said, he asked me if there BY MR. PURICELLI: 8 Of employees. Meaning department 8 was any orders that we had, and as it says in his notes, I stated there was some type of 9 members. Police officers. State Police 9 order that had expired in January of 2006. officers. Meaning you could say certain 10 10 Q. things and you couldn't say certain things as 11 Okav. 11 12 Because we knew when he first 12 a State Trooper. A. 13 13 came in he provided us with those orders A. Sure. showing the PFA, all that stuff, had expired. 14 O. Okay. And some of the things 14 15 that you can't say are liable and slander no 15 Q. Did you verify he was telling the truth? matter what. 16 16 Correct? 17 A. Me, personally? No. 17 Q. Is there any reason you had to 18 A. Sure. 18 believe that the PFA? 19 19 Q. Can't knowingly make false 20 MR. BUSH: Can I speak 20 statements. with you for a second? 21 Correct? 21 22 22 A. Correct. 23 (Discussion held off the 23 Q. And you can't make statements 24 made with a reckless disregard for their record.) 24 25 truth. 25 Bucks County Court Reporters 215.348.1173 Bucks County Court Reporters 215.348.1173 207 208 1 1 JOSEPH TRIPP JOSEPH TRIPE 2 referring to? 2 BY MR. PURICELLI: 3 When you met with Dave Bush at 3 Q. Course -- not employ course, any time, okay, did you tell him that the PFA 4 boisterous or insolent language or gestures. 4 5 That's what you're reading there. 5 that expired, okay, barred him from ever That's why I'm reading it. seeing his kids? 6 Q. 6 7 7 Was that --A. 8 A. Then I guess I agree with you. 8 Q. Did you tell him you had a 9 Okay. When you spoke to 9 custody order that barred him from ever O. 10 Christopher Bush did you laugh? 10 having his kids? 11 A. Absolutely I did. A. Not that I can recall. 11 12 Q. Do you remember your testimony? Q. Did you ever tell him, in fact, 12 13 using those words, okay, the Superior Court 13 A. Yes. Q. And you were laughing at a joke says you can never see your kids? 14 14 he said? 15 A. 15 No. 16 Q. Okay. So those would all have 16 A. No. been false statements if attributed to you. 17 Q. You were laughing because you 17 took something to be funny? 18 Correct? 18 19 A. Yes. 19 Correct. A.

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Would you agree with me part of

the prohibitions for your conduct under

speech is that you can't make gestures?

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Did I chuckle? Yes.

said his name was David Bush (sic)?

Detective Bush.

And that was the fact that he

Detective Bush. Excuse me.

And you didn't think that was

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2	the person who was the subject of a BPR				
3	complaint	by Christopher Bush.			
4		Correct?			
5	A.	Correct.			
6	Q.	Using your analysis putting			
7	yourself in one's shoes, wouldn't you agree				
8	with me that looks kind of suspicious that				
9	you can't remember anything or deny something				
10	the others say you did?				
11	A.	I admitted that I laughed. You			
12	asked me if I laughed. I did.				
13	Q.	Okay.			
14		MR. HENZES: He did.			
15		THE WITNESS: I said I			
16	did.				
17	BY MR. PURICELLI:				
18	Q.	I asked if you were insolent.			
19	A.	If you recall, I said I laughed.			
20	That's what I did.				
21	Q.	Did you think you were being			
22	disrespectful				
23	A.	No.			
24	Q.	based on a person from my			
25	point of view?				

MR. HENZES: Well, I don't 5 something else here? MR. PURICELLI: Well, 6 7 unfortunately relevance is --8 MR. HENZES: Well, you 9 know, I mean, if we're not going to ask 10 something else, the court reporter is 11 getting tired. She wants to go home. 12 I'll end it and we could make her happy 13 at least. MR. PURICELLI: Okay. 14 15 Well, we'll go another ten minutes and 16 get everybody out of here and bring the 17 Major back. BY MR. PURICELLI: 18 19 Now, the AR also has a Section 20 4.6 (g) that talks about demeanor and conduct. Courtesy toward the public shall be 21 22 strictly observed. 23 Correct? 24 MR. HENZES: The AR is not

members. That's the employees' conduct,

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215 216 1 1 JOSEPH TRIPE JOSEPH TRIPP 2 2 Q. A. I don't know. It's a yes or no question. 3 Was I interviewed? Yes. 3 A. Does it apply to --Are you familiar with any FR 4 Q. It's a yes or no question, 4 Q. 5 regulation for performance of duties? 5 Sergeant. 6 A. 6 Could you repeat the question? A. 7 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the 7 Q. Does that FR regulation apply also to that section of the crimes code? 8 rules indicate ignorance of the rules and 8 9 regulations or directive shall not be 9 A. Q. 10 construed an excuse for --10 Are you familiar with field regulation 1.28, internal investigations? 11 A. Sir, I believe you're reading 11 stuff that is so old that --12 12 A. Somewhat. Well, is that still a rule that's 13 Q. Okay. Are you aware that that 13 Q. 14 in effect? investigation, that provision requires 14 written statements from a person who's the 15 A. I am not sure what is all in 15 16 subject of an internal investigation? 16 there. So then maybe your attorney will What's the date of that? 17 Q. 17 explain to me if I asked for the policies and MR. HENZES: Are you 18 18 19 19 asking him does he know that's what it procedures why I don't have them. 20 20 MR. HENZES: You asked for says? once concerning investigations into THE WITNESS: No. 21 21 missing children. We supplied those for BY MR. PURICELLI: 22 22 Okay. But you did give a written 23 you. They were quite specific. 23 Q. MR. PURICELLI: Uh-huh. 24 statement. 24 25 Correct? 25 MR. HENZES: And we gave

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record.)

BY MR. PURICELLI:

share information with you?

regulations. 20

22 A. I'm not the attorney.

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23 I know you're not the attorney. Q.

Wouldn't it?

24 But if you were asked for all the rules that control your conduct in 25

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Did you ever laugh after

Christopher Bush told you he would like to

219 220 1 1 JOSEPH TRIPE JOSEPH TRIPP 2 A. 2 Correct? I don't recall that. 3 3 Q. Do you recall him asking you A. Correct. 4 would you like to share information with him? 4 Q. Okay. So you'll agree with me 5 5 that there's a dispute whether you laughed at I do believe he said that. A. his request to exchange information or his 6 Q. And what did you say in response? 6 7 A. 7 simply identifying himself as Detective Bush. I don't know. 8 Q. You don't know what you said --8 A. Sure. 9 9 A. I don't recall what I said. Q. Just so we cap it off, you were -- or you don't recall? aware he made a complaint against you. 10 Q. 10 Yeah. I don't recall what I 11 A. At what time? Eventually, yes. 11 A. O. 12 said. 12 It's yes or no. 13 Well, if he said you laughed, 13 A. Yes. Okay. And you knew he was the what factual reason can you tell me that's 14 14 not true? complainant when Lieutenant Hile spoke with 15 15 16 A. I have no factual reason to tell 16 you. 17 you that's not true. 17 Correct? 18 But you laughed during that phone A. Yes. 18 Q. 19 call. 19 Okay. So I can look to those 20 A. Oh, yes. When he answered the 20 reports for dates and they would be accurate 21 phone call Detective Bush, yes, I did. 21 on the report, right, for knowledge? 22 No idea. I didn't write the 22 Okay. And you will agree with me A. again that you didn't write down a report or 23 reports. 23 24 notes or anything for me to look at to see 24 Do you know of any prohibition 25 whether you're telling me the truth or he is. that he has by making a complaint about your

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2	conduct?	2	Α.	No.
3	He can do it.	3	Q.	You don't think it is?
4	Right?	4	Α.	I have no idea.
5	A. Sure.	5	Q.	Okay. You've had no training
6	Q. You're aware that's prote	cted 6		it is or isn't.
7	speech activity.	7		Right?
8	A. He can do what he wants.	8	A.	I don't really care. If he wants
9	Q. First amendment right. I	He can 9	to make	a complaint, he can make a complaint.
10	MR. HENZES: O	bjection. 10	Q.	That wasn't my question,
11	You're asking for a legal conclu	sion. 11	Sergeant	. I can get you out of here, but if
12	He has a right to file it.	12	you want	t to get into a dialogue we will.
13	MR. PURICELLI:	He can 13		You've had no training as
14	answer it.	14	to wheth	er that is or isn't protected first
15	5 MR. HENZES: He can't		amendm	ent speech?
16	answer legal conclusions.	16	A.	Not that I can recall.
17	MR. PURICELLI:	He can 17	Q.	Okay. What have you done, if
18	tell me his belief.	18	anything	, to determine whether it is or isn't
19	MR. HENZES: G	o ahead. 19	first ame	endment speech?
20	THE WITNESS:	Yes. He can 20	Α.	I haven't done anything.
21	file a complaint against me.	21	Q.	Okay.
22	BY MR. PURICELLI:	22		MR. PURICELLI: Okay.
23	Q. And in your belief do you	know 23	Tha	t's all.
24	whether that's protected speech und	er the 24		I think we're done with
25	first amendment?	25	the	sergeant.
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